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Dear [redacted]

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Glad to get your work summary and details. I have known via John and Bob that you have been busy and most helpful, but I have been somewhat concerned over the amount of time you have devoted to #31440. I couldn't quite imagine EL letting this go on and, sure enough, when John, Bob, Dutch and I stopped by to see him when we visited [redacted] he propositioned me to take you on our rolls if we were to use you as in the past. I told him that we did not intend to exceed 50% of your time and would take steps to see that our support would actually be under this figure. Believe John so posted you per my request.

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Actually, I had been concerned about this myself, Tom, because our boys simply cannot properly follow up on the many leads you develop in the course of your normal travels. Accordingly, a cut back does make good sense until such time as we get a few more boys suited up to run the West Coast beat.

One thing I want to mention, Tom, relative to some minutes we have been sending you. In the future I believe we had better figure on briefing you up orally through travelers and, when in Washington, having you read same, rather than sending them out. It is becoming difficult to hold the classification and from a gumshoe aspect, we feel it best to confine distribution to our immediate place of business. If this proves problematical, don't hesitate to call in for necessary info, status, etc. Depending on your needs, we might be able to brief the product depending upon your interests and requirements.

Have your friend, Phil, coming in momentarily so I'll close. Rest assured your efforts in our behalf are warmly appreciated, Tom, and this has been communicated to those who should know, EL included not incidentally. Hope to see you soon.

With best regards,

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